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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT PARKS FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT

1. SEOUL PRESS WEEKEND AND MONDAY DOMINATED BY REPORTS OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY WELCOMING NEW POLICY.
2. EDITORIALS ALL PRAISED INITIATIVE AS TIMELY AND DESIGNED TO ADVANCE SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE AND MOVE FORWARD TOWARD UNIFICATION. MOST EDITORIALS STRESSED POLICY DID NOT MEAN "TWO KOREAS" OR RECOGNITION NORTH KOREA AS STATE, SAYING ENTRY BOTH INTO UN WAS TRANSITIONAL MEASURE NOT ULTIMATE GOAL. COMMENTATORS LOOKED FORWARD TO SHARPER DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC COMPETITION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH IN LIGHT OF NEW POLICY AND EMPHASIZED CONSEQUENT NEED FOR UNITY IN ROK TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE. EXPANDED ROK TRADE AND BETTER RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST STATES ALSO PREDICTED.
3. HANKUK ILBO EDITORIAL AND CHOSEN ILBO COMMENTATORS WARNED THAT NEW ROK POLICY MIGHT ACCELERATE TREND AMONG WESTERN NATIONS TOWARD RECOGNITION NORTH KOREA WHILE COMMUNIST STATES WOULD BE SLOW TO PERMIT EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH SOUTH. CHOSEN ILBO EDITORIAL SAID ROK POLICY DEPARTED FROM COLD WAR

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POSITION OF SEEKING ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER SIDE AND WAS INSTEAD
SINCERE EFFORT TO MOVE NORTH- SOUTH DIALOGUE FORWARD.
IT CALLED ON NORTH TO DROP ITS DOGMATIC STANCE ALSO AND ADOPT
A " REASONABLE" POSITION.
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